

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2067**

**Heptasoph Hall**

**16853 Yeoho Road**

**Parkton, Baltimore County**

**1893**

**Private**

Heptasoph Hall is representative of the many vernacular dwellings constructed throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. According to prior documentation, the building was erected in 1893. The 1877 atlas does, however, indicate the presence of a dwelling and shops in the location of the extant structure. Confirmation of an 1893 construction date on Heptasoph Hall cannot be determined solely on the basis of exterior architectural analysis. Nevertheless, the dwelling directly relates to a late 19th century period of settlement in the rural community of Mt. Carmel. As late as 1877, the Mt. Carmel area remained primarily agrarian and traversed only by farmland. It retained its rural characteristics through the early 20th century and experienced only a moderate increase in settlement up to 1915. The property on which Heptasoph Hall was constructed appears to have been the location of either Benjamin Gorsuch's residence or a row of shops to the south of the Gorsuch house. Existing information suggests that the building was used by the Mount Carmel Conclave of Heptasophs No. 28 and was also used for community gatherings organized by the nearby Mount Carmel Church. Two possible locations are indicated on the 1915 atlas. The first is the residence of Louis Gorsuch, which had been previously occupied by Benjamin Gorsuch. The second, and more likely possibility, is the position of an unlabeled building south of the Gorsuch residence. This latter possibility would confirm that the row of shops depicted on the 1877 atlas is the location of Heptasoph Hall. Further historic and architectural research would confirm the date and historic occupancy of the building.

Heptasoph Hall is a vernacular, two-story, three-bay-wide wood frame building clad in aluminum siding. The structure sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation and features a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. One rebuilt interior stretcher bond brick chimney rises from the center of the rear elevation. A one-story, two-bay-wide shed roofed wing projects from the side elevation. Due to dense foliage, only a portion of the façade was visible at the time of the exterior survey. The façade, or west elevation, features a central single-leaf entry flanked by two 4/4 windows. Three 4/4 windows pierce the second story of the main block. One sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and one 2/2 window are located on the wing.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2067

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Heptasoph Hall

### 2. Location

street and number 16853 Yeoho Road not for publication

city, town Parkton vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles and Gloria Wingler

street and number 16853 Yeoho Road telephone Not Available

city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 1441 folio 569

city, town Towson tax map 21 tax parcel 191 tax ID number 0523015200

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1893-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1893

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men.* Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.  
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1893, Heptasoph Hall has been associated with the .46 acres known as tax parcel 191 of map 21 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 8, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: WINGLER CHARLES  
WINGLER GLORIA Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 16853 YEOHO RD  
PARKTON MD 21120-9617 Deed Reference: 1) / 1441/ 569  
2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
16853 YEOHO RD

## Legal Description

.462 AC  
SES YEOHO RD  
1750FT N OF DUBBS RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
21	13	191						81	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class						
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area	Property Land Area			County Use		
1862			2,552 SF	20,124.00 SF			04		
Stories		Basement		Type			Exterior		
2		NO		STANDARD UNIT			SIDING		

## Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of	As Of
			07/01/2004	07/01/2005
Land:	31,280	31,280		
Improvements:	26,260	26,260		
Total:	57,540	57,540	57,540	NOT AVAIL
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	NOT AVAIL

## Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

## Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2004	07/01/2005
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

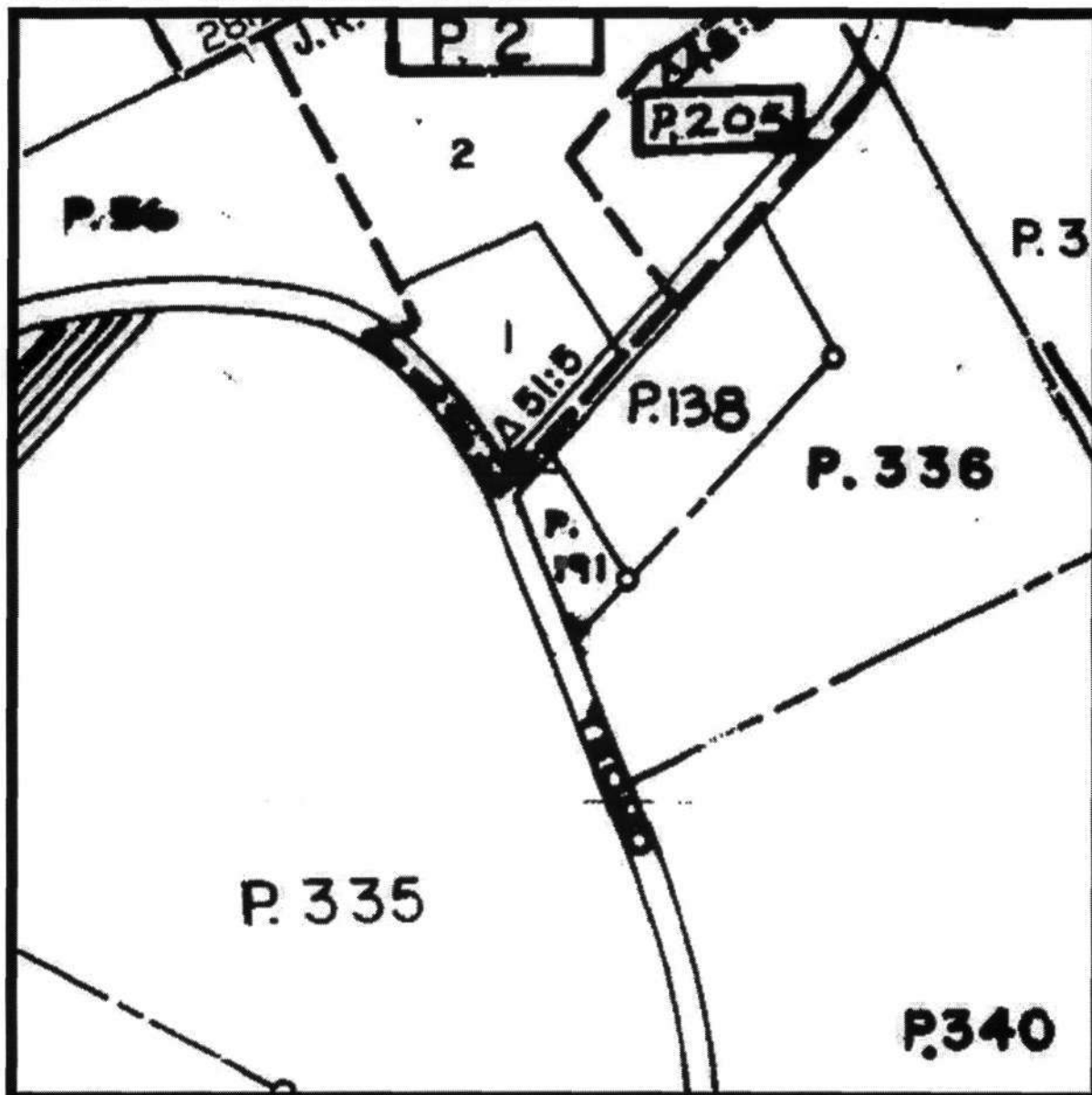
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16853 1/2 RD  
MOUNT CARMEL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD  
TRAILER  
4/2001  
MD SHPO  
E ELEVATION

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MOUNT CARMEL

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TRACERIES

4/2001

MD SHPO

SW CORNER

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**HEPTASOPH HALL (5)** - 1893 - 16901 Pretty Boy Dam Road, Mount Carmel vicinity. Two part structure with a stone kitchen wing and a frame portion with blue-gray-white aluminum siding. It was formerly the Mount Carmel Conclave of Heptasophs No. 28. The building is braced with pipes in lieu of rods. Sand plaster found in old

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kitchen part. It was used for suppers given by nearby Mount Carmel Church. Owner: Mrs. Gloria Wingler.